

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. – McChord AFB, Wash., has the best unit newspaper in Air Force Reserve Command, and Westover Air Reserve Base, Mass., won the most individual awards in the 2002 AFRC Media Contest.

The contest concluded Jan. 31 with the judges awarding the most points to the *Associate Press*. McChord's 446<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing newspaper will represent AFRC in the newsletter format publication category at the Air Force Media Contest March 3-7 in San Antonio, Texas.

Four reservists from Westover's 439<sup>th</sup> AW advanced to the service-level competition. They are Maj. Patrick Dufraine in the contractor/stringer writer category, Senior Master Sgt. Sandi Michon in the feature article category, Staff Sgt. Andrew Biscoe in the photojournalism category, and Senior Airman Tom Ouellette in the commentary category.

Senior Airman Shawn McCowan of the 910<sup>th</sup> AW, Youngstown Air Reserve Station, Ohio, was named the print journalist of the year. He edits the unit magazine, *Airsteam*, which placed third overall in the command. *Airstream Online* took the Web-based publication category and will compete at the Air Force level.

First Lt. Brian Bowman, Tech. Sgt. William Huntington, Staff Sgt. Leo Brown and Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Jennifer Adriano of the 442<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Wing, Whiteman AFB, Mo., teamed up to win the writing series category. Jim Haseltine, who provided the cover for one installment of the series, won the contractor/stringer photographer category.

Other first-place individuals advancing to the Air Force competition are:

- Tech. Sgt. Devin Fisher, Air Reserve Personnel Center, Denver, in the stand-alone photograph category;
- Staff Sgt. Marnee Carlson, 919<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Wing, Eglin AFB Aux. Field 3, Fla., in the news article category; and
- Staff Sgt. Jason Schaap, 302<sup>nd</sup> AW, Peterson AFB, Colo., in the sports article category.

The *Beacon*, 514<sup>th</sup> Air Mobility Wing, McGuire AFB, N.J., and the *Minuteman*, 94<sup>th</sup> AW, Dobbins ARB, Ga., placed second and fourth in the command newspaper competition, respectively. The *Beacon* is representing the command in the magazine format publication category, and the *Minuteman* in tabloid format newspaper category of the Air Force Media Contest.

Staff Sgt. Sherri Savant of the 917<sup>th</sup> Wing, Barskdale AFB, La., was the only reservist to enter the new writer category in 2001. She was allowed to compete in the 2002 contest and outscored six other reservists to win the AFRC-unique category.

Placing second and third, respectively, in the 2002 AFRC Media Contest are:

**News article** – Maj. Jim Bishop, 459<sup>th</sup> AW, Andrews AFB, and Staff Sgt. Chance Babin, 926<sup>th</sup> FW, Naval Air Station New Orleans Joint Reserve Base, La.;

**Feature article** – Senior Airman J. Justin Pearce, 403<sup>rd</sup> Wing, Keesler AFB, Miss., and Capt. Laurie Arellano, 302<sup>nd</sup> AW, Peterson AFB, Colo.

**Commentary** – Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor, 302<sup>nd</sup> AW, Peterson AFB, and Senior Airman LaVonne Johnson, 459<sup>th</sup> AW, Andrews AFB;

**Sports article** – Lt. Col. Thomas A. Deall, ARPC, and Savant, 917<sup>th</sup> Wing, Barksdale;

**Series** – Master Sgt. Bryan Ripple, 910<sup>th</sup> AW, Youngstown ARS, and Tech. Sgt. Larry Lehew, 911<sup>th</sup> AW, Pittsburgh International Airport ARS, Pa.;

**Stand-alone photo** – Pearce, 403<sup>rd</sup> Wing, Keesler AFB, and Biscoe, 439<sup>th</sup> AW, Westover ARB;

**Photojournalism (tie)** – Bishop, 459<sup>th</sup> AW, Andrews AFB, and Ripple, 910<sup>th</sup> AW, Youngstown ARS;

**Contractor/stringer writer** – Master Sgt. Greg Steele, 917<sup>th</sup> Wing, Barksdale AFB, and Chaplain (1<sup>st</sup> Lt.) Eric Whitmore, 301<sup>st</sup> FW, NAS JRB Fort Worth, Texas;

**Contractor/stringer photographer** – Nicole Lessard, 439<sup>th</sup> AW, Westover ARB, and Master Sgt. Fred Johnson, 459<sup>th</sup> AW, Andrews AFB;

**Web-based publication** – No second- and third-place awards given;

**New writer:** Senior Airman LaVonne Johnson, 459<sup>th</sup> AW, Andrews AFB, and Ouellette, 439<sup>th</sup> AW, Westover ARB; and

**Journalist of the year:** Kenny Pruitt, Headquarters AFRC, Robins AFB, and Babin, 926<sup>th</sup> FW, NAS New Orleans JRB.

Results of the Air Force Media Contest are expected to be announced in late March. (AFRC News Service)